

Food processing units in the country

*177. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government and non-Government units of food processing industries in the country and in each State of the North-Eastern Region;

(b) the percentage of fruits processed out of the fruits produced in the whole of the country; and

(c) the programme of Government (both Central and State level) to increase the percentage of processed fruits significantly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Government provides financial assistance and other incentives for setting up of food processing units. Approval of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is not required for setting up of food processing units. As the food processing units are both in the organized and unorganized sector, the number of food processing units in the country (State-wise including North-East States) is not Centrally maintained in the Ministry. However, details regarding food processing units assisted in the country including the States of the North-Eastern Region during the last three years is given in the Statement. (See below).

Level of processing of fruits and vegetables in the country is estimated at 1.4% in the organized sector and 0.8% in the unorganized sector.

Ministry of Food processing Industries has been implementing a Plan scheme for Technology up-gradation/establishment/modernization of food processing industries in which financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid is provided to all implementing agencies @ 25% of the cost of the plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in the difficult areas including North-Eastern States. Under the Mini Mission IV of Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern States including Sikkim, J&K, Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh assistance at still higher rates i.e. @ 50% upto Rs. 4 crore for promotion of new units and upto Rs. 1 crore for upgradation/modernization of units is available for processing of horticultural produce. The State Governments have also been providing incentives for promotion of agro-food processing industries such as tax exemption/concessions,

allotment of plots at concessional rates, interest and capital subsidy. Other measures include development of world class infrastructure for agro food processing industries through agro food technology parks, strengthening and promoting establishment of cold storage, encouragement for adoption of latest technology and bringing in processional management skills, etc.

Statement

Details of financial assistance provided to the food processing units during last three years

(Rs. in lakh)

State/UT	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Andhra Pradesh	465.57	797.67	689.80
Assam	257.79	245.76	102.67
Bihar	-	25.32	64.22
Chhattisgarh	-	32.61	9825
Delhi	-	2.50	36.77
Goa	17.00	25.00	47.58
Gujarat	165.85	262.15	370.05
Haryana	185.94	183.34	167.04
Himachal Pradesh	99.18	75.51	154.48
Jammu & Kashmir	108.78	74.78	63.67
Jharkhand	-	-	48.28
Karnataka	151.49	425.32	419.73
Kerala	192.53	152.86	436.39
Madhya Pradesh	88.93	45.62	239.95
Maharashtra	529.03	778.67	1,251.94
Manipur	108.41	-	11.77
Meghalaya	-	12.14	13.26
Mizoram	110.50	12.30	-
Nagaland	40.75	-	17.35
Orissa	-	63.31	22.23
Pondicherry	-	24.54	14.67
Punjab	163.00	538.23	497.67
Rajasthan	86.00	35.83	117.39
Tamil Nadu	274.03	310.60	699.68
Tripura	33.07	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	263.19	591.76	845.14
Uttaranchal	5.37	87.88	16271
West Bengal	132.96	325.74	400.14